

JEREMIAH ROBEEY SPRINGER
AND LYDIA ROSETTA BIGLER
SPRINGER.



Jeremiah (Jerry) Robey Springer was born November 17, 1878, in Midway, a son of Nathan Chatmond and Matilda Robey

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Springer. He married Lydia Rosetta Bigler on November 9, 1904, at Heber. The marriage was later solemnized in the Temple.

Lydia Rosetta Bigler was born June 12, 1881, at Tuba, Arizona, the daughter of Jacob Arnold Bigler and Pauline Ott Bigler.

Jerry Springer spent his youth in Midway, except for a sojourn while very young in Mexico with his father, who had gone there in the interest of mining. Mr. Springer, like his father, engaged in mining and mining contracting. He spent several years in Park City, Soldiers Summit, and Grass Valley, California, following his trade. He served as mayor and as sheriff in Soldiers Summit. He had a coal business for several years in Soldiers Summit. He was also a good blacksmith. He has made several trips to Mexico on mining business.

He, with Reese Claybourn and Nymphus Watkins from Midway, was among the first cadets at the Utah State Agricultural College in Logan. He was the counselor in the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association in the Midway First Ward. He is a member of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers. He is a generous, honest, dependable man, respected and loved by the people of each community in which he has lived.

The Bigler family moved from Shumway, Arizona, to Mt. Pleasant, Utah, when Lydia was nine years old. It took six weeks to make the trip with teams and wagon. They crossed the Colorado River at Lee's Ferry and traveled over Lees Backbone which was a treacherous journey. Mrs. Springer remembers the water holes at Moen Copping, Arizona, where the Mormons had a woolen mill at one time. While crossing a river during the trip, the team was caught in quicksand and only help from men at Moen Copping prevented a tragedy.

Lydia was visiting in Midway when she met Jerry Springer. They fell in love and were later married. Mrs. Springer was president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association of the Midway Second Ward. She has been a member of the singing mothers, and is a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers. She has been an active Relief Society member for many years. She is a good mother, a loyal citizen, and a highly respected neighbor.

The children of Jerry and Lydia Springer:
Jay Reed, married Fannie Lyman;
Mrs. Joseph (Lydia Pauline) Erwin;
Beryl Ott, married Tura Holmes;

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Lowell Franklin, married Louise Patrick;
Mrs. George (Amy) Whitley;
Mrs. Dean (Floris) Olsen.

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Other community residents furthered their education by attending evening lectures given by prominent individuals. One such lecturer was a Professor Clegg, an English phrenologist who settled in Heber.

Many of the talented young people in Midway took advantage of state colleges or Church schools in other areas to further their training. Some of the first to leave home to attend college were John, Mary and Emma Huber, the eldest children of John Huber, who was secretary of the school board. They went to Provo where they attended the Brigham Young Academy. Jacob Probst also attended there. Jerry Springer, Reese Clayburn and Nymphus Watkins were some of the first to attend school at the Utah Agricultural College in Logan, where they were naval cadets.



Jerry Springer, Naval cadet at Utah Agricultural College in Logan about 1900.